

Camerata Ireland

Camerata Ireland brings together fine musicians who live and work in Ireland and Irish musicians who work and live abroad.

Since its formation Camerata Ireland has travelled the world to wide critical acclaim. Tours to North and South America in earlier years have been followed by trips to Italy, Germany (Munich), Poland (Warsaw) and China (Shanghai and Beijing). Camerata Ireland has also played at the City of London Festival and for President Bill Clinton. This year the International Series started in Paris, moving on to London and Dublin. Plans are in hand for a special performance at the Library of Congress in Washington in March 2007 and for a third tour of the USA in 2008. 2007 will also see the orchestra in Finland.

The orchestra has released two CDs in its planned series of three which will cover the complete Beethoven Piano Concerto cycle. Both CDs have been exceptionally well received by critics.

Camerata Ireland holds an annual summer festival of music at Clondeboye each year which, it is hoped, will be matched with a sister festival near Dublin.

‘There is an extra special quality to Irish string playing which comes from the roots of Irish tradition’ says Barry. ‘I knew that if I could bring the best Irish players together something special would result – and I have not been disappointed’.

Nor should he be. In recognition of the exceptional nature and quality of its work Camerata Ireland was awarded the Joint Patronage of Mary McAleese, President of Ireland and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 2004.